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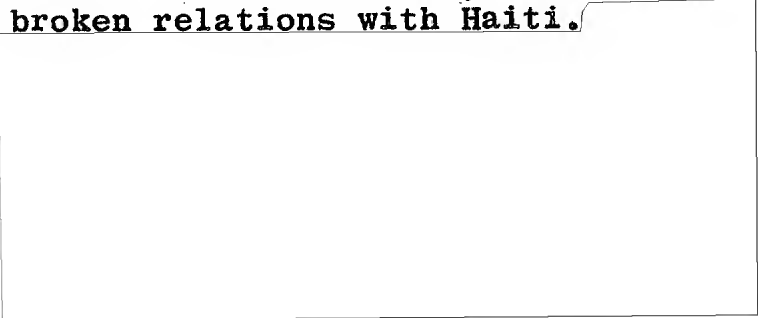
1. Haiti

a. We should know by mid-day whether Duvalier has pulled up stakes. If reports that he intends to leave today prove out, he will have arrived in Curacao about that time.

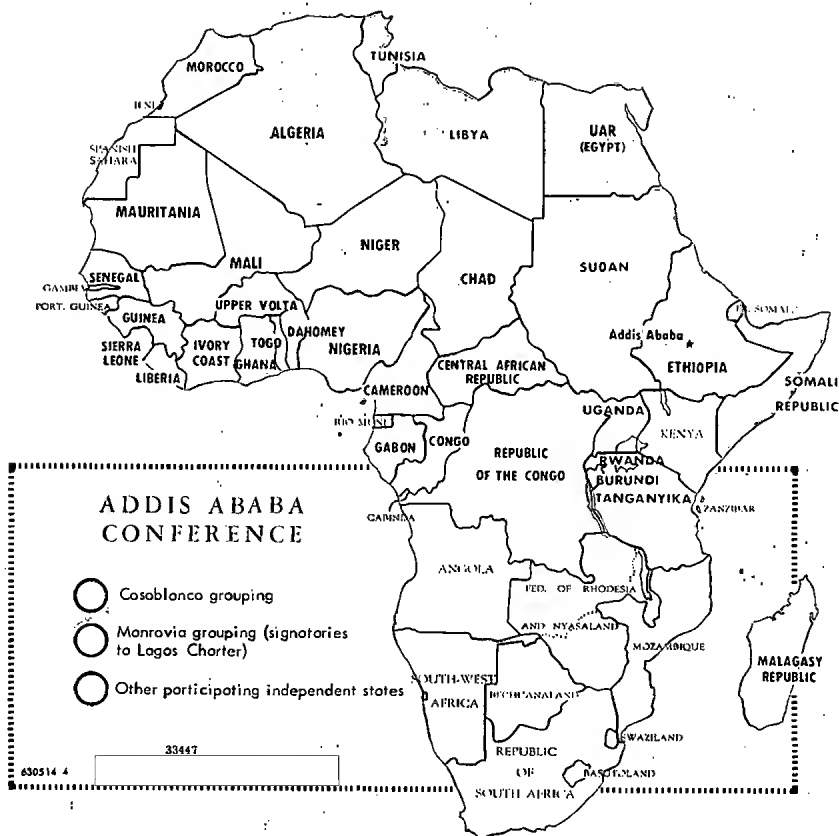
b. A peculiar new element has entered the picture. Duvalier yesterday received a letter from De Gaulle (a reply to a Duvalier letter) which was friendly enough to leave top Haitian officials wreathed in smiles.

c. This has our embassy in Port-au-Prince wondering--purely as a hunch--whether Duvalier is planning a visit to France, giving himself in that way a chance to study the future at a safe distance.

d. Venezuela has, meanwhile, broken relations with Haiti.



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2. Jordan

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3. Africa

a. African foreign ministers are meeting today to lay the groundwork for the long-heralded African summit conference.

b. The full-dress conference, opening next week, will bring the leaders of the so-called "Monrovia" and "Casablanca" groupings together for the first time since the separate blocs emerged in 1961.

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c. The present climate favors submergence of differences of view--roughly speaking, moderate vs. radical--which have divided the two blocs.

d. This is likely to mean that the conference will ignore regional issues and focus on the familiar themes of anticolonialism and African unity.

e. A common charter for an intra-African "system" is now being drafted along the lines of the OAS charter.

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4. Czechoslovakia

a. A combination of uncertainty on the regime's intentions with regard to deStalinization and unhappiness with its economic policies has put Czech youth in an ugly mood.

b. In two separate incidents over the weekend, three African students and an Arab were beaten up in the center of Prague. In one case, the Czech youths, numbering upwards of 300, created a minor riot.

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c. Both the racial angle-- compounded by the government's coddling of foreign students--and resentment at government outlays in the underdeveloped countries probably figured in the outbursts.

d. Young workers and students a little more than a week earlier, on May Day, tried to demonstrate against the government but were blocked by security forces.

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6. Cuba

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d. The Soviet passenger ship Baltika left Havana yesterday, bound for another Cuban port. [REDACTED]

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e. Monday's aerial reconnaissance covered only one of the five major Soviet installations and was impaired by cloud cover. Readable photography reveals no significant change at that installation.

NOTES

- A. Laos US officials in Vientiane talked with Phoumi and Meo leader Vang Pao yesterday in an attempt to divert them from plans for the joint offensive with the neutralists which had been set for today. Outward signs were that the warning note had been heeded. Vang Pao said he would try to dissuade Kong Le.

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- C. Argentina Progress in ending the cabinet disarray is painfully slow. Only one new appointment, interior minister, has been made. This goes to a man close to Army commander Ongania, who looks increasingly to be the real signal caller. Ongania is firmly advocating that elections take place as scheduled in July.

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E. North Korea The first SAM site in North Korea was identified by a Chinese Nationalist reconnaissance mission flown on 9 May. Photography of the site, located 16 nautical miles south southeast of Pyongyang, showed six launch positions, with launchers probably emplaced in each. We have not yet determined how long it has been there.

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G. France-Guinea A high-level Guinean delegation has arrived in Paris to explore the prospects for mending French-Guinean relations. The setting is hopeful, but there are some tough economic knots to be untied, in particular the problem of indemnification for nationalized property once French.

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